UC San Diego Health Physician Directory

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- 8910 Villa La Jolla Drive
  - La Jolla, CA 92037
- 8899 and 8929 University Center Lane
  - San Diego, CA 92122
- 8939 Villa La Jolla Drive
  - La Jolla, CA 92037
- 9333 Genesee Avenue
  - San Diego, CA 92121
- 8950 Villa La Jolla Drive
  - La Jolla, CA 92037
- 9350 Campus Point Drive
  - La Jolla, CA 92037
- **Shiley Eye Institute**
  - 9415 Campus Point Drive
    - La Jolla, CA 92093
- **Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center**
  - 9434 Medical Center Drive
    - La Jolla, CA 92093
- **Moores Cancer Center**
  - 3855 Health Sciences Drive
    - La Jolla, CA 92093
- **Jacobs Medical Center**
  - 9300 Campus Point Drive
    - La Jolla, CA 92037

### Hillcrest
- **4th and Lewis Medical Offices**
  - 330 Lewis Street
    - San Diego, CA 92103
- **Medical Offices North**
  - 200 West Arbor Drive
    - San Diego, CA 92103
- **Medical Offices South**
  - 4168 Front Street
    - San Diego, CA 92103
- **UC San Diego Medical Center**
  - 200 West Arbor Drive
    - San Diego, CA 92103

### Encinitas
- **1200 Garden View Road**
  - Encinitas, CA 92024
- **477 North El Camino Real**
  - Encinitas, CA 92024

### Vista
- **910 Sycamore Avenue**
  - Vista, CA 92081

### Scripps Ranch
- **9909 Mira Mesa Blvd.**
  - San Diego, CA 92131

### Kearny Mesa
- 7910 Frost Street
  - San Diego, CA 92123

### Rady Children’s Hospital-San Diego
- 3020 Children’s Way
  - San Diego, CA 92123

### Chula Vista
- 959 Lane Avenue
  - Chula Vista, CA 91914

### Temecula
- 31720 Temecula Parkway
  - Temecula, CA 92952

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- 4910 Directors Place
  - San Diego, CA 92121
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Transplantation - Heart Transplantation

Eric David Adler, MD
Cardiologist
Director of Cardiac Transplant and Mechanical Circulatory Support
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Cardiology, Transplantation

Subspecialties:
Heart Failure, Heart Transplantation

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8530

Bio:
Dr. Eric David Adler is a board-certified cardiologist and medical director of heart transplant and mechanical circulatory support. He specializes in advanced heart failure, mechanical circulatory support and cardiac transplantation.

Denise Dayle Barnard, MD
Director, Women's Cardiovascular Health Program
Assistant Director, Advanced Heart Failure Program, Cardiac Transplantation & Mechanical Circulatory Assist Device Program
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Cardiology, Transplantation

Subspecialties:
Heart Failure, Heart Transplantation

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-5743

Bio:
Dr. Barnard is one of three cardiologists actively involved in the UC San Diego Advanced Heart Failure, Cardiac Transplantation and Mechanical Circulatory Assist Device Programs. She is nationally recognized as a Heart Failure expert and is board certified in Advanced Heart Failure and Transplantation. She is actively involved in local, national and international clinical research trials. She also works part-time at the San Diego VA Medical Center in the Cardiomyopathy program and follows heart transplant recipients and LVAD patients with co-managed VA care.
Transplantation - Heart Transplantation (cont.)

Barry H. Greenberg, MD, FHFS
Director, Advanced Heart Failure Treatment Program
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Cardiology, Transplantation

Subspecialties:
Heart Failure, Heart Transplantation

Add'l Language:
French

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8530

Bio:
Barry H. Greenberg, MD, is a board-certified cardiologist and internationally recognized pioneer in the field of heart failure. He directs the Advanced Heart Failure Treatment Program at UC San Diego Health.

Stuart W. Jamieson, MB, FRCS, FACS, FACC, FACCP
Dean, Cardiovascular Affairs
Endowed Chair and Distinguished Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery, Cardiology, Transplantation, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Pulmonary Thromboendarterectomy (PTE), Heart Transplantation

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices North

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7777

Bio:
Stuart W. Jamieson, MB, is a cardiothoracic surgeon and expert in pulmonary thromboendarterectomy. He is one of the founding members of Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center at UC San Diego Health and is known throughout the world for his ground-breaking research and surgical innovations.

Michael M Madani, MD, FACS
Director, Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center - Surgery
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery, Cardiology, Transplantation, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Pulmonary Thromboendarterectomy (PTE), Heart Transplantation

Add'l Language:
Persian

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Jacobs Medical Center
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7777

Bio:
Michael Madani, MD, is a board-certified cardiovascular surgeon who oversees a variety of surgical services at UC San Diego Health, including surgical treatment for heart failure, lung transplantation and pulmonary thromboendarterectomy (PTE). He is also an expert in minimally invasive heart surgery, mitral valve repair and off-pump bypass surgery.
Transplantation - Heart Transplantation (cont.)

Travis L. Pollema, DO
Cardiothoracic Surgeon
Assistant Clinical Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery, Surgery, Cardiology, Transplantation

Subspecialties:
Lung Transplantation, Heart Failure, Heart Transplantation

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Temecula Parkway

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7777

Bio:
Travis L. Pollema, DO, is a cardiothoracic surgeon who specializes in treating diseases of the heart and lungs. His expertise includes treating coronary artery disease with bypass surgery and valvular heart disease with valve repair or replacement. Dr. Pollema performs operations for patients with advanced stages of heart failure; patients needing mechanical circulatory support, including temporary and permanent ventricular assist devices (VADs); and those who have undergone or need heart and/or lung transplantation. He also implements and manages the care of those requiring extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO), a type of life support treatment that provides enough oxygen to a person while allowing time for their lungs and heart to rest or heal.

Victor (Gert) Pretorius, MBChB
Cardiothoracic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery, Cardiology, Surgery, Transplantation

Subspecialties:
Heart Failure, Pulmonary Thromboendarterectomy (PTE), Heart Transplantation, Lung Transplantation

Add'l Language:
Afrikaans

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273

Bio:
Victor (Gert) Pretorius, MBChB, is a board-certified cardiothoracic surgeon who specializes in lead management. Pacemakers and implantable cardioverter-defibrillators (ICDs) deliver energy to the heart through thin, flexible wires called leads. When these leads are not working properly – because of infection, damage, or surrounding scar tissue – they need to be removed.
Transplantation - Heart Transplantation (cont.)

Jorge E. Silva Enciso, MD
Cardiologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Cardiology, Transplantation
Subspecialties:
Heart Transplantation, Heart Failure
Add'l Language:
Spanish

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-8530

Bio:
Jorge Silva Enciso, MD, is a board-certified advanced heart failure and transplant cardiologist. He cares for patients with progressive heart failure symptoms in need of advanced therapies or surgical treatments including ventricular assist devices (VADs) or heart transplantation.

Patricia Thistlethwaite, MD, PhD
Cardiothoracic Surgeon
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery, Transplantation, Cancer, Surgery
Subspecialties:
Minimally Invasive Surgery, Heart Transplantation, Lung Cancer

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7777

Bio:
Patricia A. Thistlethwaite, MD, PhD, is a board-certified cardiothoracic surgeon who specializes in lung cancer, mediastinal and chest wall surgery, diseases of the thymus, minimally invasive thoracic surgery, and heart and lung transplantation. She focuses on providing patient-centered clinical care, using minimally invasive approaches to treat thoracic disease.
Transplantation - Kidney Transplantation

Jennifer Berumen, MD
Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Transplantation, Surgery

Subspecialties:
Hepatobiliary Surgery, Liver Transplantation, Kidney Transplantation, Pancreas Transplantation

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6487

Bio:
Jennifer Berumen, MD, is a surgeon specializing in abdominal transplantation and hepatobiliary (liver and bile duct) surgery. She performs kidney, liver and pancreas transplantations.

Dianne B. McKay, MD
Nephrologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Transplantation, Nephrology (Kidney)

Subspecialty:
Kidney Transplantation

Add'l Language:
Spanish

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7729

Bio:
Dianne B. McKay, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who specializes in kidney transplantation. She is the medical director of the kidney transplant program at UC San Diego Health. Her expertise includes pre and post kidney transplant care, pregnancy in transplant recipients, and the care of young adults who are transitioning from pediatric to adult transplant programs.

Alan W. Hemming, MD, FRCSC, FACS
Chief of Transplantation and Hepatobiliary Surgery
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Transplantation, Surgery, Cancer

Subspecialties:
General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Liver Transplantation, Pancreas Transplantation, Hepatobiliary Surgery, Gastrointestinal Cancers, Kidney Transplantation

Moores Cancer Center
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6487

Bio:
Alan Hemming, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who is recognized as one of the country’s leading liver surgeons. He specializes in open and laparoscopic liver and bile duct surgery. He has performed more than 1,000 liver transplants and resections and has a particular interest in dealing with complex cases of liver and bile duct cancer.
Transplantation - Kidney Transplantation (cont.)

Kristin L. Mekeel, MD
Transplant Surgeon
Surgical Director, Kidney and Pancreas Transplantation
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Transplantation
Subspecialties:
Kidney Transplantation, Liver Transplantation, Pancreas Transplantation, Hepatobiliary Surgery, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7729
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6487

Bio:
Kristin L. Mekeel is a board-certified transplant surgeon who specializes in liver, kidney, and pancreas transplantation surgery in adults and children. She performs operations in patients with conditions such as chronic kidney disease, chronic liver disease, liver cancer and type 1 diabetes.

Gabriel T. Schnickel, MD, MPH
Surgeon
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Transplantation, Surgery, Cancer
Subspecialties:
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Hepatobiliary Surgery, Pancreas Transplantation, Liver Transplantation, Kidney Transplantation

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7728

Bio:
Gabriel T. Schnickel, MD, MPH, is a board-certified surgeon who specializes in liver, kidney and pancreas transplant. His expertise includes treating liver cancer, bile duct cancer, liver cysts, and benign tumors of the liver.

Mita M. Shah, MD
Nephrologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Transplantation, Nephrology (Kidney)
Subspecialties:
Pancreas Transplantation, Dialysis, Kidney Transplantation

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - La Jolla: (858) 657-7729
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6397

Bio:
Mita Shah, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist who specializes in the care and management of kidney transplant patients with a special interest in the management of immunosuppression to improve long-term graft survival.
Transplantation - Kidney Transplantation (cont.)

Robert W. Steiner, MD
Co-Director of Transplant Nephrology
Medical Director, Kidney & Pancreas Transplantation
Medical Director, Lifesharing of San Diego
Professor of Clinical Medicine

Specialties:
Nephrology (Kidney), Transplantation

Subspecialty:
Kidney Transplantation

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7729

Bio:
In the years I have taught and practiced at UC San Diego (and for a time in the community), I have seen countless improvements in the care of kidney patients. Our understanding of kidney diseases and dialysis management has never been better. At the same time, our ability to prevent kidney transplant failure has markedly improved. We now better understand the risks of living kidney donation. Working with the transplant team at UCSD, and with others across the country, has helped us to successfully address these issues.

David Malcom Ward, MD, FRCP
Nephrologist
Professor of Clinical Medicine, Emeritus

Specialties:
Nephrology (Kidney), Transplantation

Subspecialties:
Kidney Transplantation, Apheresis

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-6397

Bio:
David Malcom Ward, MD, is a nephrologist who specializes in apheresis, a medical procedure that involves passing a person's blood through a device that separates out a component of the blood from its other parts and returns the remainder of the blood into circulation.
Transplantation - Liver Transplantation

Veeral Ajmera, MD
Hepatologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Hepatology (Liver), Gastroenterology, Transplantation
Subspecialty:
Liver Transplantation

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line - Liver Center: (619) 543-5415
Direct Clinic Line - Executive Dr. (Liver Transplantation): (858) 657-7728
Direct Clinic Line - Perlman Medical Offices (Gastroenterology): (619) 543-2347

Bio:
Veeral Ajmera, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist who treats patients with chronic liver disease, including those with cirrhosis. He also has expertise with fatty liver disease and liver transplantation.

Jennifer Berumen, MD
Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Transplantation, Surgery
Subspecialties:
Hepatobiliary Surgery, Liver Transplantation, Kidney Transplantation, Pancreas Transplantation

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6487

Bio:
Jennifer Berumen, MD, is a surgeon specializing in abdominal transplantation and hepatobiliary (liver and bile duct) surgery. She performs kidney, liver and pancreas transplantations.

Alan W. Hemming, MD, FRCSC, FACS
Chief of Transplantation and Hepatobiliary Surgery
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Transplantation, Surgery, Cancer
Subspecialties:
General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Liver Transplantation, Pancreas Transplantation, Hepatobiliary Surgery, Gastrointestinal Cancers, Kidney Transplantation

Moores Cancer Center
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6487

Bio:
Alan Hemming, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who is recognized as one of the country’s leading liver surgeons. He specializes in open and laparoscopic liver and bile duct surgery. He has performed more than 1,000 liver transplants and resections and has a particular interest in dealing with complex cases of liver and bile duct cancer.
Transplantation - Liver Transplantation (cont.)

Yuko Kono, MD
Gastroenterologist and Hepatologist
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Gastroenterology, Transplantation, Hepatology (Liver)
Subspecialty:
Liver Transplantation
Add'l Language:
Japanese

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Bio:
Yuko Kono, MD, is a hepatologist with a special interest in hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) surveillance, diagnosis, management, general hepatology and liver transplantation. She is an expert in contrast enhanced ultrasound imaging.

Rohit Loomba, MD
Gastroenterologist and Hepatologist
Vice Chief, Gastroenterology
Director, Hepatology
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Gastroenterology, Hepatology (Liver), Transplantation
Subspecialty:
Liver Transplantation
Add'l Language:
Hindi

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Bio:
Rohit Loomba, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist. His expertise includes treating and managing many types of chronic liver disease, such as nonalcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD), nonalcoholic steatohepatitis, chronic hepatitis, cirrhosis, and hemochromatosis. As a transplant hepatologist, Dr. Loomba works with transplant surgeons in the pre and postoperative care of liver transplant patients. He also directs the NAFLD Research Center at UC San Diego, and leads a multidisciplinary group of investigators to study NAFLD.
Transplantation - Liver Transplantation (cont.)

Kristin L. Mekeel, MD
Transplant Surgeon
Surgical Director, Kidney and Pancreas Transplantation
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Transplantation

Subspecialties:
Kidney Transplantation, Liver Transplantation, Pancreas Transplantation,
Hepatobiliary Surgery, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7729
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6487

Bio:
Kristin L. Mekeel is a board-certified transplant surgeon who specializes in
liver, kidney, and pancreas transplantation surgery in adults and children.
She performs operations in patients with conditions such as chronic kidney
disease, chronic liver disease, liver cancer and type 1 diabetes.

Michel Henry Mendler, MD, MS
Gastroenterologist and Hepatologist
Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Gastroenterology, Transplantation, Hepatology (Liver)

Subspecialty:
Liver Transplantation

Add'l Language:
French

Hillcrest - UC San Diego Medical Center
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-5415

Bio:
Michel Mendler, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist and hepatologist
with a special interest in providing compassionate, evidence-based high
quality medical care and access to leading-edge treatments, procedures
and expertise in the field. He routinely performs upper and lower GI
diagnostic and therapeutic endoscopies, liver ultrasound scans, PEG tube placement, hepatic tumor
biopsies and intra-tumoral therapies.
Transplantation - Liver Transplantation (cont.)

Gabriel T. Schnickel, MD, MPH
Surgeon
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties: Transplantation, Surgery, Cancer
Subspecialties: Gastrointestinal Cancers, Hepatobiliary Surgery, Pancreas Transplantation, Liver Transplantation, Kidney Transplantation

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7728

Bio:
Gabriel T. Schnickel, MD, MPH, is a board-certified surgeon who specializes in liver, kidney and pancreas transplant. His expertise includes treating liver cancer, bile duct cancer, liver cysts, and benign tumors of the liver.

Irine E. Vodkin, MD
Hepatologist
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Specialties: Hepatology (Liver), Transplantation, Gastroenterology
Subspecialty: Liver Transplantation
Add'l Languages: Russian, Spanish

La Jolla - Perlman Medical Offices
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (619) 543-5415

Bio:
Irine Vodkin, MD is a board-certified gastroenterologist with a focus on end-stage liver disease and transplantation.
Transplantation - Lung Transplantation

Kamyar Afshar, DO
Director, Advanced Lung Disease Program
Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialties:
Pulmonology (Lung), Transplantation

Subspecialties:
Lung Transplantation, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, Critical Care

Add'l Language:
Farsi

La Jolla - 4520 Executive Drive
Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6097

Bio:
Kamyar Afshar, DO, is a board-certified pulmonary and critical care physician who specializes in complex lung diseases and lung transplantation. His expertise includes treating cystic fibrosis (CF) and non-CF bronchiectasis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency, interstitial lung disease, sarcoidosis, as well as rare lung diseases such as lymphangioleiomyomatosis (LAM) and tuberous sclerosis complex.

Anthony Perricone, MD
Clinical Professor

Specialties:
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery, Cancer, Surgery, Transplantation

Subspecialties:
Lung Cancer, Lung Transplantation, Minimally Invasive Surgery

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7777

Bio:
Dr. Perricone is director of the Cardiothoracic Unit at the Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center, and surgical director of lung transplantation at UC San Diego Health.

Travis L. Pollema, DO
Cardiothoracic Surgeon
Assistant Clinical Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery, Surgery, Cardiology, Transplantation

Subspecialties:
Lung Transplantation, Heart Failure, Heart Transplantation

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center
Temecula Parkway

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7777

Bio:
Travis L. Pollema, DO, is a cardiothoracic surgeon who specializes in treating diseases of the heart and lungs. His expertise includes treating coronary artery disease with bypass surgery and valvular heart disease with valve repair or replacement. Dr. Pollema performs operations for patients with advanced stages of heart failure; patients needing mechanical circulatory support, including temporary and permanent ventricular assist devices (VADs); and those who have undergone or need heart and/or lung transplantation. He also implements and manages the care of those requiring extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO), a type of life support treatment that provides enough oxygen to a person while allowing time for their lungs and heart to rest or heal.
Transplantation - Lung Transplantation (cont.)

Victor (Gert) Pretorius, MBChB
Cardiothoracic Surgeon
Associate Professor of Surgery

**Specialties:**
Cardiothoracic (Heart and Lung) Surgery, Cardiology, Surgery, Transplantation

**Subspecialties:**
Heart Failure, Pulmonary Thromboendarterectomy (PTE), Heart Transplantation, Lung Transplantation

**Add'l Language:**
Afrikaans

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

**Contact:**
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**Bio:**
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Gordon Yung, MD
Pulmonologist
Professor of Medicine

**Specialties:**
Pulmonology (Lung), Transplantation

**Subspecialties:**
Critical Care, Lung Transplantation

**Add'l Language:**
Cantonese

Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center

**Contact:**
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-5050

**Bio:**
Gordon Yung, MD, is a board-certified pulmonologist who specializes in advanced lung disease and lung transplantation.
Transplantation - Pancreas Transplantation

Jennifer Berumen, MD
Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgeon
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Transplantation, Surgery
Subspecialties:
Hepatobiliary Surgery, Liver Transplantation, Kidney Transplantation, Pancreas Transplantation

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive
Hillcrest - Medical Offices South

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6487

Bio:
Jennifer Berumen, MD, is a surgeon specializing in abdominal transplantation and hepatobiliary (liver and bile duct) surgery. She performs kidney, liver and pancreas transplantations.

Kristin L. Mekeel, MD
Transplant Surgeon
Surgical Director, Kidney and Pancreas Transplantation
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Surgery, Transplantation
Subspecialties:
Kidney Transplantation, Liver Transplantation, Pancreas Transplantation, Hepatobiliary Surgery, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery

Hillcrest - Medical Offices South
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-7729
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6487

Bio:
Kristin L. Mekeel is a board-certified transplant surgeon who specializes in liver, kidney, and pancreas transplantation surgery in adults and children. She performs operations in patients with conditions such as chronic kidney disease, chronic liver disease, liver cancer and type 1 diabetes.

Alan W. Hemming, MD, FRCSC, FACS
Chief of Transplantation and Hepatobiliary Surgery
Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Transplantation, Surgery, Cancer
Subspecialties:
General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Liver Transplantation, Pancreas Transplantation, Hepatobiliary Surgery, Gastrointestinal Cancers, Kidney Transplantation

Moores Cancer Center
La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
Direct Clinic Line: (858) 657-6487

Bio:
Alan Hemming, MD, is a board-certified surgeon who is recognized as one of the country’s leading liver surgeons. He specializes in open and laparoscopic liver and bile duct surgery. He has performed more than 1,000 liver transplants and resections and has a particular interest in dealing with complex cases of liver and bile duct cancer.

Gabriel T. Schnickel, MD, MPH
Surgeon
Associate Professor of Surgery

Specialties:
Transplantation, Surgery, Cancer
Subspecialties:
Gastrointestinal Cancers, Hepatobiliary Surgery, Pancreas Transplantation, Liver Transplantation, Kidney Transplantation

La Jolla - 4510 Executive Drive

Contact:
New Patient Registration: (800) 926-8273
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Bio:
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